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SUBJ: OPANAL "GOOD OFFICES" COMMITTEE TO VISIT CUBA

1. DURING COURSE OF AUGUST 3 DISCUSSIONS ON OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST (SEPTTEL) OPANAL DEPUTY SEC GEN GONZALEZ DE LEON TOLD EMBOFF'S THAT OPANAL "GOOD OFFICES" COMMITTEE WILL VISIT HAVANA, PROBABLY NEXT WEEK. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP IS MEXICO (FONSECRETARIAT DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS SERGIO GONZALEZ GALVEZ), PERU (AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO BENAVIDES CORREA) AND JAMAICA (POSSIBLY CHARGE IN MEXICO, ESAU GAYLE).

2. ANTICIPATED VISIT, WHICH HOPEFULLY WILL INCLUDE INTERVIEW WITH CASTRO, IS AN OPANAL INITIATIVE. THIS IS FIRST TIME THAT CUBANS HAVE AGREED EVEN TO DISCUSS OPANAL QUESTIONS.

3. GONZALEZ DE LEON COULD GIVE NO CONCRETE REASON TO EXPLAIN CUBA'S APPARENT CHANGE OF HEART CONCERNING OPANAL; LIKEWISE, HE STOPPED SHORT OF OPTIMISM CONCERNING POSSIBLE CUBAN ENTRY INTO THE ORGANIZATION. HE OPINED THAT AURA OF DETENTE ATTITUDE ON CUBAN MOVE MIGHT

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